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Phase Two Improvements Approved for Rio Villa

Harris County Precinct Two Commissioner Sylvia R. Garcia announced plans for more improvements at Rio Villa Park following today's Commissioners Court meeting.

A contract has been awarded to Specialty Construction which will add a Bird and Wildlife Observation Deck extending into Rio Villa Lake and a canoe launch with access to Rio Villa Lake and the San Jacinto River.

"This park is turning into one of Precinct Two's hidden treasures. With the opening last summer of the nature trail, we are making this 215 acre park an example of how we can work with nature to improve quality of life for the region," Garcia said.

The Rio Villa Nature Trail follows the San Jacinto River for one mile through natural growth and vegetation. Located one-and-one-half-miles east of Sheldon, at the end of Wallisville Road, the trail offers an outstanding opportunity for viewing native trees, shrubs and flowers, bird watching bird watching and exercise.

Construction on the \$200,000 project adding the observation deck and canoe launch will likely begin in late April or early May.

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